

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 19, 21 and 23-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants traverse such rejection.

Claim 19 is amended to recite that the detected tire growth is stored in an electronic control unit. The electronic control unit provides physical structure which provides the "functional descriptive material", i.e. the determining steps, in usable form to permit the functionality to be realized therewith. As such, claim 19 is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101. (See MPEP § 2106 (IV)(B)(1)(a)).

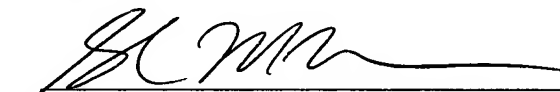
It is respectfully submitted that claim 19 is condition for allowance. Claims 21 and 23-39 depend from claim 19 and are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above.

New claim 40 further recites that "the electronic control unit utilizes the detected tire growth in a tire pressure loss detection system" which is clearly statutory subject matter.

It is respectfully submitted that each of the pending claims is in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of each of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either personal or telephonic, will advance the prosecution of this application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact the undersigned to arrange the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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